

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 27, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1525

Introduced by Senator Murray

February 23, 2006

An act to *amend Section 13997 of, and to add and repeal Section 13997.2 of, the Government Code, relating to international trade and investment.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1525, as amended, Murray. International trade and investment office: Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.

Existing law provides for the establishment of an international trade and investment office in Yerevan, in the Republic of Armenia, on a contract basis by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, under the supervision of the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing. The secretary is authorized to accept private donations for the purposes of promoting international trade and investment, including the administration of international trade and investment offices.

This bill would, until January 1, 2012, require the Governor to instruct the secretary to establish, on a contract basis, an international trade and investment office in Johannesburg, in the Republic of South Africa. It would require the secretary to report to the Legislature on the success of the international trade and investment office no later than June 1, 2011, according to specified criteria.

The bill would specify that it would be implemented only to the extent that funds are available to the agency for purposes of the bill from any source.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13997 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:
- 3 13997. (a) The Secretary of Business, Transportation and
4 Housing may accept private sector moneys in an amount not in
5 excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per donation made to
6 the state for the purposes of promoting international trade and
7 investment, subject to Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000),
8 and not in excess of a total of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per
9 quarter per donor. All private sector moneys shall be used for
10 these purposes but the donor may specify the international trade
11 and investment office or international trade or investment event
12 for which the private sector money shall be used. The private
13 sector moneys shall be deposited into the Economic
14 Development and Trade Promotion Account, which is hereby
15 established in the Special Deposit Fund in the State Treasury.
16 The secretary may expend moneys in the account, without regard
17 to fiscal years, for the purposes of this section. Moneys in the
18 Economic Development and Trade Promotion Account may be
19 allocated to an international trade and investment office, and if so
20 allocated shall be maintained by that office in an account.
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the secretary may
22 use the private sector moneys for expenses incurred to promote
23 international trade and investment that will directly benefit
24 California business. Records of donations received and
25 expenditures made pursuant to this section shall be ~~subject to~~
26 ~~public disclosure~~ *made available to the public on the agency's*
27 *Internet Web site.*
- 28 (b) The international trade and investment office using the
29 funds shall memorialize the payment in a written record as
30 follows:
- 31 (1) Identifies the donor and the official or officials receiving or
32 using the payment.
- 33 (2) Describes the official agency use and the nature and
34 amount of each payment.

1 (3) Is filed with the Business, Transportation and Housing
2 Agency that maintains the records of the agency's statements of
3 economic interests, and the filing is done within 30 days of the
4 receipt of the payment by the agency.

5 (c) Nothing in this section shall affect any requirement of the
6 Political Reform Act (Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000)).

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 *SEC. 2.* Section 13997.2 is added to the Government Code, to
9 read:

10 13997.2. (a) The Governor shall instruct the Secretary of
11 Business, Transportation and Housing to establish, on a contract
12 basis, an international trade and investment office in
13 Johannesburg, in the Republic of South Africa, to serve the
14 region of sub-Saharan Africa.

15 (b) The secretary shall report to the Legislature on the success
16 of the international trade and investment office in Johannesburg
17 no later than June 1, 2011. The report shall include, but not be
18 limited to, all of the following:

19 (1) The level of investment and tourism directed to this state
20 as a direct result of the international trade and investment office.

21 (2) The level of imports sent to this state as a direct result of
22 the international trade and investment office.

23 (3) The level of California exports sent to the region of
24 sub-Saharan Africa as a direct result of the international trade
25 and investment office.

26 (4) A cost-benefit analysis of the international trade and
27 investment office.

28 (5) An analysis of the costs and outcomes of the international
29 trade and investment office compared with those of the other
30 international trade and investment offices.

31 (c) This section shall be implemented only to the extent that
32 funds are available to the Business, Transportation and Housing
33 Agency for this purpose from any source, including, but not
34 limited to, federal funding and private donations authorized
35 pursuant to Section 13997. Private donations made pursuant to
36 Section 13997 and specified for the international trade and
37 investment office in Johannesburg shall be deposited in a
38 separate subaccount within the Economic Development and
39 Trade Promotion Account and may be used only for the
40 operation of this office.

1 ~~(d) The international trade and investment office established~~
2 ~~pursuant to this chapter shall not promote free trade agreements~~
3 ~~on behalf of the state nor represent the State of California in~~
4 ~~international trade negotiations undertaken by the federal~~
5 ~~government.~~

6 ~~(d)~~

7 (e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
8 2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
9 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends
10 that date.